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Introduction

This Study Guide is intended for those individuals who are preparing to take the Tree Expert exam as required by the Maryland Tree Expert Licensing Laws. Anyone seeking to practice or advertise tree care services in the State of Maryland must obtain this license from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. Without it, they may not practice or advertise tree care services in the state. To obtain a license, the applicant must possess adequate and related college education plus one year of experience under a LTE or have five years experience under a Licensed Tree Expert (LTE), then have passed the exam and carry adequate amounts of liability and property damage insurance. Information on when the exams are given can be found at <http://www.dnr.state.md.us/forests/programapps/tel.html>.

The exam has ten weighted sections or domains. The guide has eleven chapters because Tree Selection and Installation has been separated into two chapters. The questions are in multiple choice, true/false, and fill in the blank formats. A passing score of 70% is required for each individual domain, as well as for the overall test. There are 146 questions, 14 in each domain on the written portion and 20 questions in the field portion, Tree Identification. A listing of the domains, their associated study materials, and the pass rates required for each can be found in Appendix A. Study information for the Tree Identification portion of exam is available in Appendix B.

The Forest Service conducts a preparatory course for Licensed Tree Expert examinees in May of each year. This guide is a compilation of all the presentation materials that are used during this course. Most of the material on the exam can be found within this study guide. This guide is intended for individual use and study. Any commercial or other use of the guide is prohibited.